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PLO COUNTERPROPOSAL TO BE SUBMITTED TO HABIB

NC031114 Paris AFP in English 1049 GMT 3 Aug 82

[Text] Beirut, Aug 3 (AFP) -- The Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) has responded to U.S. envoy Philip Habib's plan for a solution to the Lebanese crisis with a counter-proposal "not at all incompatible" with the American project, a well-placed Lebanese Government source said.

The source declined to reveal the details of the PLO position but said negotiations for the evacuation of the Palestinians from west Beirut were making rapid and satisfactory progress. The PLO proposal was to be submitted to Mr. Habib today by Lebanese Prime Minister Shafiq al-Wazzan.

The source said the key to a settlement remained the question of when the international buffer force should intervene. The Palestinians want the international force to be in place before the evacuation of their troops to ensure reciprocal withdrawal of both Israeli and Palestinian forces, and to protect the civilian population in refugee camps from aggression, he said.

YASIR 'ARAFAT RECEIVES CABLE FROM KING FAHD

NC030734 (Clandestine) Voice of Palestine in Arabic 0645 GMT 3 Aug 82

[Text] Brother leader Abu 'Ammar [Yasir 'Arafat] has received a cable from King Fahd ibn 'Abd al-'Aziz, king of Saudi Arabia, in which he affirmed his, and the kingdom's, support for the Palestinian struggle in the face of the tyrannical aggression. In his cable he said: We have been informed of the sufferings of our Palestinian and Lebanese brothers in Beirut as a result of the Zionist bombardment and the blockade of food and medical supplies to the besieged city. King Fahd affirmed that he will continue making all efforts in all domains and at all levels -- at the highest Arab and international levels and quarters -- in order to put an end to this affliction and this critical situation resulting from the tyrannical Zionist aggression, and to prevent more bloodshed in the ranks of our brothers and more destruction and ruination in Lebanon.

'ARAFAT INSPECTS JOINT FORCES' POSITIONS 2 AUGUST

NC021908 (Clandestine) Voice of Palestine in Arabic 1745 GMT 2 Aug 82

[Text] Brother Commander Abu 'Ammar [Yasir 'Arafat] today inspected joint forces' positions in the southern suburb and the areas exposed to the acts of aggression and destruction wreaked by the bestial and savage Zionist shelling. Brother Abu 'Ammar lauded the steadfastness of the joint forces heroes in confronting the Zionist invasion. He also issued instructions regarding all the possibilities of the situation.

PLO SPOKESMAN ON RESOLUTION 242, 1 AUG FIGHTING

LD021652 Kuwait KUNA in English 1607 GMT 2 Aug 82

[Text] Damascus, Aug 2 (KUNA) -- Israel and the U.S. are trying to shake the Palestinian national unity through illusionary plans and dragging some Palestinians to speak about the Security Council 242 Resolution rejected by the PLO since it was reached in 1967, a top Palestinian official declared Monday.

The spokesman of the PLO Executive Committee, 'Abd al-Muhsin Abu Mayzar, in a statement to Kuwait News Agency warned of attempts to crack the Palestinian national unity and said "that unity is [a] national assignment which Israel is trying to split."

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ARAB FOREIGN MINISTERS TO MEET IN TUNIS

LD051728 Kuwait KUNA in English 1609 GMT 5 Aug 82

[Text] Tunis, Aug 5 (KUNA) -- Organisational procedures were finalized to hold a meeting of the Arab foreign ministers here next Saturday, a source at the Arab League announced Thursday.

The ministerial council meeting will prepare the agenda for an Arab summit conference, called for by the two Yemeni leaders last Wednesday, which is expected to convene within a week following the ministerial meeting to discuss the Israeli invasion of Lebanon and the genocidal war against the Lebanese and Palestinian people.

The Arab League received until [as received] Thursday the formal agreement of Syria, Bahrain and the United Arab Emirates to attend the meeting. Agreement by other member states of the league is expected within the next twenty four hours.

Arab League sources said they were satisfied with the positive response to the joint Yemeni initiative and the serious contacts between Arab leaders to ensure the holding of the conference within the shortest possible period in view of the gravity of the situation faced by the Arab Lebanese and Palestinian peoples as a result of the Zionist vicious onslaught against west Beirut. The Arab foreign ministerial council, the sources added, will discuss the agenda of the summit conference and its venue, expected to be the seat of the Arab League unless either Sana'a' or Aden requests otherwise.

The call to convene an Arab summit to tackle the crucial situation in Lebanon was initiated last Wednesday by the presidents of North and South Yemen following talks in Jidda and Damascus with King Fahd and President Hafiz al-Asad. A previous similar call by the Tunisian president last July failed to secure adequate response from the Arab states.

Meanwhile the Arab League Secretariat received Thursday an official note from the Moroccan Government expressing readiness to attend the Arab foreign ministerial council meeting and welcoming the Arab kings and heads of state to resume the Fes Arab summit, suspended a few hours after meeting on November 25 last year following serious rifts. The development is seen by observers here as laying new impediments before convocation of the Arab summit.

FAHD, BREZHNEV, MITTERRAND REPLY TO 'ARAFAT

NC051946 (Clandestine) Voice of Palestine in Arabic 1745 GMT 5 Aug 82

[Text] Brother leader Abu 'Ammar [Yasir 'Arafat] has received reply messages from King Fahd ibn 'Abd al-'Aziz, Soviet President Leonid Brezhnev and French President Francois Mitterrand. Following are the texts of the three messages:

King Fahd's message:

Brother Commander in Chief Yasir 'Arafat:

We received your cable and have taken note of what you have mentioned about the start yesterday evening of the Zionist enemy's invasion of the city of Beirut from several directions, using all his criminal weapons. We were immensely disturbed and extremely pained by this treacherous criminal action, which aims at annihilating our steadfast Palestinian and Lebanese brothers. Our feelings are with you -- we who are continuing to make utmost efforts and endeavors to reach a satisfactory solution to this crisis in order to prevent further destruction, to halt further bloodshed and to achieve a withdrawal of the invading Zionist forces to within their borders. We immediately contacted President Ronald Reagan by telephone and communicated to him our extreme anxiety and disappointment at this sinful Zionist action that will (?destroy) all the efforts and endeavors that are being made to settle the crisis. We also asked him to work at limiting Israel's belligerence and hautiness. He promised to make efforts toward this end. We implore God to help us and crown our efforts and endeavors with success.

[Signed] Fahd ibn 'Abd al-'Aziz

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Fes Summit Quorum Reached

LD091042 Kuwait KUNA in English 1001 GMT 9 Aug 82

[Text] Tunis, Aug 9 (KUNA) -- The quorum for the resolution of the Fes summit conference was reached by the agreement of eleven Arab countries to attend the conference, Moroccan ambassador in Tunis, Mohamed Tazi, said Monday. In a statement to Kuwait News Agency (KUNA), Tazi said so far eleven Arab countries had agreed to attend the summit called for by Moroccan King Hassan II. Tazi said the countries which had informed the Arab League of accepting the invitation were Saudi Arabia, Bahrain, Oman, Jordan, Iraq, Djibouti, the United Arab Emirates, Qatar, Kuwait, Somalia in addition to Morocco.

The Arab League Charter stipulates that the holding of an emergency summit conference requires the approval of 11 Arab member states out of 21. Tazi said Somalia was the eleventh Arab country which declared its agreement to attend the Fes summit conference suspended early in November last year.

The call for an Arab summit conference has been initially called for by the South and North Yemeni Presidents 'Ali Nasir Muhammad and 'Ali 'Abdallah Salih who [words indistinct] to both Saudi Arabia and Syria last week, sent a number of envoys calling for an emergency summit on the situation in Lebanon and the Israeli invasion. Several Arab countries accepted the joint Yemeni call before King Hassan expressed Morocco's willingness to resume the Fes summit in a message he sent to the Arab League Secretary General Chedli Klibi [word indistinct] Friday.

A number of other calls for holding a summit conference including Kuwaiti, Libyan, the Palestine Liberation Organisation and Tunisian ones failed to secure the required quorum.

Lebanon Asks Postponement

LD091330 Kuwait KUNA in Arabic 1313 GMT 9 Aug 82

[Text] Tunis, 9 Aug (KUNA) -- In an official note handed to the General Secretariat of the Arab League today, Lebanon requested "the postponement of any Arab summit until further notice."

Tunisia Withdraws Compromise

LD091444 Kuwait KUNA in Arabic 1350 GMT 9 Aug 82

[Text] Tunis, 9 Aug (KUNA) -- It was stated here this afternoon that Tunisia has withdrawn its proposed compromise solution connected with the Arab summit in favor of the call by the Moroccan monarch, King Hassan II, to resume the Fes summit.

PDRY, YAR Withdraw Call

JN091247 Baghdad INA in Arabic 1235 GMT 9 Aug 82

[Text] Tunis, 9 Aug (INA) -- Arab League sources have confirmed that the governments of the two parts of Yemen have withdrawn their joint call for holding an urgent Arab summit conference. The sources told the INA correspondent that the Arab League General Secretariat has received an official request in this regard.

In another development, Arab League departments are conducting intensive and broad contacts with representatives of the member states in an attempt to define their final stands regarding the resumption of the Fes summit that has been suspended since November 1981.

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LD161718 Kuwait KUNA in Arabic 1536 GMT 16 Aug 82

[Excerpts] Tunis, 16 Aug (KUNA) -- An authorized source at the Arab League secretariat said here this afternoon that to date 17 Arab states have agreed to the resumption of the Fes Arab summit on 6 September. The source, who did not want his name mentioned, told KUNA the secretariat sent the permanent member countries an official memorandum this afternoon that fixed 28 and 29 August as the dates for the meeting of Arab foreign ministers and 6 September as the date for the resumption of the Fes summit conference suspended last 25 November only a few hours after its opening. The source said the city of Mohammadia near the Moroccan capital will be the place for the foreign ministers meeting and the summit instead of historic Fes known for its hot weather in the summer.

The source added that the Arab countries that have agreed to the resumption of the Fes summit conference are Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, the UAE, Bahrain, Qatar, Oman, the YAR, the PDRY, Iraq, Syria, Jordan, the PLO, Egypt, Sudan, Tunisia, Djibouti and Morocco. He said it is highly possible that Lebanon will announce its agreement to attend both meetings within a few days.

Three Arab countries -- Libya, Algeria and Mauritania -- still oppose the resumption of the Fes summit and prefer a new summit in its place in Tunis, the seat of the Arab League. The Moroccan ambassador to Tunisia, who is also his country's permanent representative at the Arab League, said earlier: "The coming summit is not an extraordinary one; therefore its agenda is open and any Arab country can ask for any subject to be put on it."

KUNA Gives Agenda

LD161156 Kuwait KUNA in Arabic 1102 GMT 16 Aug 82

[Excerpt] Tunis, 16 Aug (KUNA) -- The Arab League General Secretariat has distributed the agenda of the forthcoming Arab foreign minister meeting which includes six main topics:

-- The Zionist aggression against the Lebanese and Palestinian peoples

-- The Iraq-Iran war

-- Arab relations

-- The Ethiopian aggression against Somalia

-- The amendments to the league's charter and improvements of its systems

-- The resolutions adopted by the foreign ministers at their meeting in Fes last November

The Moroccan ambassador to Tunisia and permanent representative to the Arab League said: "The forthcoming summit is not an emergency or extraordinary one; therefore, its agenda is considered open and each country could suggest the inclusion of any subject it wishes."

Informed sources at the Arab League General Secretariat expected the Arab summit will finish before 10 September in order to enable the Arab foreign ministers or their representatives to prepare for the normal session of the league's Council due to be held 13-15 September.

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Al-Qasim Arrives, Comments

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[Text] Casablanca -- Foreign Minister Marwan al-Qasim and his delegation arrived in Casablanca from Niamey to participate in the Arab foreign ministers conference in Mohammedia tomorrow, Saturday.

Al-Qasim said Jordan will contribute, as it has in the past, to paving the way for the success of the Fes summit. He stressed that the Arab world and nation are facing a serious turning point that requires the meeting of Arab leaders, at top levels and with full responsibility, in order to carry out their historical duty toward their peoples with regard to the Arab-Israeli conflict.

In a statement to the Jordanian News Agency correspondent, Al-Qasim added that Lebanon's events have indicated a greater need for the resumption of the Fes summit. He said: There must be a clear stand in support of the Palestinian Resistance as the sole, legitimate representative of the Palestinian people. The Resistance must be supported on all political levels in order to restore the Palestinian people's complete rights, including their right to self-determination and establishment of their own independent state on the soil of their homeland -- Palestine.

Al-Qasim pointed out that His Majesty King Husayn's directives to the Jordanian delegation emphasize the need to work with a spirit of understanding and sincerity so that the conference can achieve positive results in the interest of the Arab nation and in support of the Palestinian people's struggle for their just cause. He affirmed Jordan's stand on the need to discuss the dangers menacing the Arab world, including the aggression being committed against Iraq, which is defending its territories as well as the territories and rights of the Arab nation.

Marwan al-Qasim expressed the hope that some stands will be reevaluated, particularly after Iraq's voluntary withdrawal from Iranian territory and its complete response to all Islamic, nonaligned or UN mediations to reach a just and honorable solution that is acceptable to both sides.

Al-Qasim led Jordan's delegation to the Islamic foreign ministers 13th conference, which concluded its work in Niamey yesterday.

Khaddam Arrives, Comments

LD281348 Rabat Domestic Service in Arabic 1300 GMT 28 Aug 82

[Text] The Syrian minister of foreign affairs, 'Abd al-Halim Khaddam, arrived in Morocco this morning to participate in the Arab foreign ministers conference. At Mohammad V International Airport, Khaddam made the following statement:

[Begin recording] We are attending the Arab foreign ministers conference in order to tackle the dangers threatening the Arab nation which surfaced during the Israeli aggression in Lebanon against the Lebanese and Palestinian peoples. This aggression is considered one of the quick outcomes of the Camp David policy.

Everybody in this conference, including those who expect some illogical and unrealistic hopes from Camp David, will realize there is no option for the Arabs except to prepare for a full confrontation in various fields against the Israeli enemy.

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